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House of Representatives
CT State Capitol
210 Capitol Ave
Hartford, CT

Dear CT State Representative,

UConn Students For Sensible Drug Policy are back because the H.B. 5389 "An Act Concerning the Palliative Use of Marijuana" has been raised by the Judiciary Committee testimonies were given at the public hearing last Wednesday, March 7th, that clearly articulated why passing this bill would create positive change for Connecticut residents by allowing them a better option than potentially addictive opiate-based pain medication. We wanted to take the time again to urge you once again to vote "yes" for medicinal marijuana as members of your Connecticut constituency.

Ultimately, this bill enables more choice for your constituency through detailed, comprehensive measures that effectively ensure the use and distribution of marijuana for medicinal purposes. With the passage of this bill, Connecticut residents who suffer from conditions including Crohn's disease, cancer, HIV/AIDS, PTSD, Epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, cachexia, wasting syndrome and those to be decided by the board, will finally have more choice in their medicine.

At last Wednesday's hearing, Senator Kissel, to one of our members and also a medicinal marijuana user, Salvatore Sodaro, said "If this alleviates your pain so you can go on and do all the other things in your life then I'm completely in support of that"; this, in essence, is exactly why H.B. 5389 is a pressing bill that needs to get passed in our state immediately. Through voting "yes" on this bill, you are voting to give your constituents more choice in how to alleviate their serious medical conditions, which is what we need in our state to improve the livelihood of our Connecticut residents.

We hope you consider the positive effects the passage of this bill will have for the well-being of Connecticut residents.

Sincerest thanks,

University of Connecticut Students for Sensible Drug Policy